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SUBJECT: TCK WHEAT DISCUSSIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF DATA RELEVANT TO YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH SHIPPERS AND WHICH WE SUGGEST BE MADE PROMPTLY AVAILABLE TO ALL SHIPPERS US WHEAT TO CHINA:

2. IN FY 74, 144 VESSELS SHIPPED TO PRC; OF THESE, 49 TEXAS GULF, ALL HRW; PRC FOUND TCK ON 3.

3. 25 OTHER GULF - 14 HRW; 8 SRW; 3 DNS/SRW/HWW MIXTURES. OF THESE, PRC FOUND TCK ON 1 SRW CARGO.

4. 13-1/2 LAKES/ST. LAW. - 13 DNS; 1/2 YHW. PRC FOUND TCK ON 1 DNS AND THE 1/2 YHW CARGO.

5. 4-1/2 EAST COAST - 4 SRW. PRC FOUND TCK ON THE 1/2 YHW CARGO.

6. WEST COAST NOT ANALYZED YET, BUT OF TOTAL 52 VESSELS SHIPPED, PRC FOUND TCK ON 29.

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7. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF COMPARISON BETWEEN PRC FINDS AND CURRENT AMS TEST.

	A	B	C	D	E
PACIFIC	12	8	1	2	1
GULF	7	1	4	2	0
LAKES/ST. LAW.	5	0	5	0	0
TOTAL	24	9	10	4	1

A - SAMPLES TESTED; B - BOTH PRC AND US FOUND TCK;
 C - NEITHER SIDE FOUND TCK; D - US FOUND IT BUT PRC DIDN'T;
 E - PRC FOUND IT, US DIDN'T.

8. FOREGOING US-PRC TEST COMPARISONS INCLUDE DATA RECEIVED YOUR TELEGRAM MAY 18.

9. THE ABOVE SHOW THAT THE TEST AMS HAS USED THUS FAR FINDS TCK IN 4 VESSELS IN WHICH PRC DID NOT FIND IT, WHILE PRC HAS FOUND IT IN ONLY ONE THAT AMS DID NOT FIND IT. THIS FACT ILLUSTRATES THAT ADJUSTMENT OF US TECHNIQUE WOULD BE NECESSARY BEFORE A TEST OF SIMILAR RIGIDITY TO THAT USED BY PRC COULD BE READY FOR APPLICATION BY APHIS. POSSIBLY IT IS RELATIVELY SIMPLE STATISTICAL EXERCISE TO ARRIVE AT REDUCTION OF SCREENED SAMPLE THAT WOULD BE NEEDED TO ACHIEVE POSITIVE FINDINGS (BASED ON PAST SHIPMENTS) PROPORTIONATE TO THAT FOUND BY PRC IN PAST SHIPMENTS. THIS IS SOMETHING WHICH MUST BE DONE ON YOUR SIDE, AND WILL FIRST REQUIRE DETERMINATION OF HOW MANY ACTUAL SAMPLES OF PAST PRC LOADINGS STILL REMAIN ON FILE, WHERE THEY ARE, AND HOW QUICKLY THEY CAN BE ASSEMBLED AND TESTED SO AS TO GIVE THE MOST RELIABLE POSSIBLE STATISTICAL BASE AS REGARDS COMPARISON BETWEEN PRC TEST AND EXISTING AMS TEST. NOT UNTIL YOU HAVE THE MOST COMPLETE POSSIBLE BASE CAN THE "TEST ADJUSTMENT" BE ATTEMPTED.

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10. AS WE SEE IT, THERE WILL BE NO WAY, ONCE WE DEVISE OR CALCULATE A MODIFIED TEST, TO MAKE TRIAL APPLICATION TO EXISTING FILE SAMPLES OF PAST SHIPMENTS. THIS IS BECAUSE UNDER CURRENT AMS TEST PROCEDURE FOR TCK, WHERE PRIMARY BASIS FOR TEST INVOLVES SCREENINGS FROM 1000 GRAMS, THE 1000 GRAMS (LESS SCREENINGS) HAS BEEN ADDED BACK TO ORIGINAL FILE SAMPLE AFTER TEST COMPLETION. THUS THOSE ORIGINAL SAMPLES ALREADY TCK TESTED WILL NO

LONGER BE TRUE REPRESENTATIVES.
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